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Applicant: Boltshouser  
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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on October 15, 2007, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error in that the wrong specification, claims, figures and abstract were published.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed **within two months** from the date of the patent application publication. **This period is not extendable.**" A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.<sup>1</sup>

The request for corrected publication, received on October 15, 2007, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

Due to the nature of the errors in this publication, the office will *sua sponte* publish a corrected patent application publication. The corrected patent application publication will be published in

<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

due course, unless the application is allowed and the patent issues before the application is republished.

The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the patent issues before the application is republished.

It would greatly benefit the Office if **applicant did not provide copies of papers**, which were previously submitted and/or **a complete copy of the pre-grant publication**, as it unnecessarily increases the cost to the Office. See 37 CFR 1.4(b). A request for corrected publication need only point out what was printed incorrectly in the application, where the error occurs in the publication and where the correct text or drawing is found in the application papers. Marked up relevant copies of the applications papers and the pre-grant publication may facilitate processing of the request, where it is not readily apparent where the error occurs. If it is not clear why the error is a material error, further explanation may be warranted.

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